GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF WILD LIFE TOURIST CENTRES IN M.P.
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for the development of wild life tourist centres in States, particularly in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) If so, the details thereof especially in regard to Madhya Pradesh, State-wise; and

(c) the date from which the scheme is likely to be made effective?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has formulated `Eco-Tourism policy & guidelines` which has been endorsed for implementation by all the State Governments/Union Territories. Central financial assistance is extended to Eco-friendly tourism projects prioritised in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territories.

The Government of Madhya Pradesh has formulated and announced eco and adventure tourism policy to promote this form of tourism through private participation.

(b) In Madhya Pradesh, total 13 activities pertaining to eco and adventure tourism have been identified and 31 places have also been earmarked to undertake these activities by private investors. Government land and Government rest houses will be given on lease for a period of 30 years. The rates of premium and lease rent are also fixed and special concession will be given in transport taxes and excise license fees.

(c) Eco and adventure tourism policy is in force in the State of Madhya Pradesh with effect from 1.5.2001.